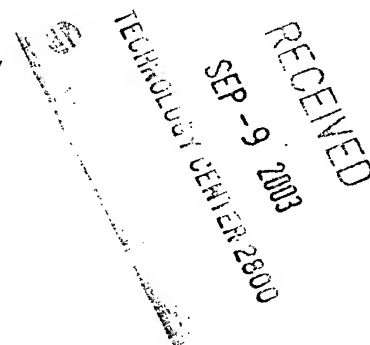




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In re Patent Application of)	
Eiro FUJII et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2877
Application No.: 10/075,230)	Examiner: H. Pham
Filed: February 15, 2002)	Conf. No. 9729
For: MEASURING SYSTEM WITH)	
IMPROVED METHOD OF READING)	
IMAGE DATA OF AN OBJECT)	



REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2003, reconsideration of the above-captioned application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are currently pending. Of these, claims 1, 4 and 25-28 are presently under consideration.

The Office Action includes a rejection of claims 1, 4 and 25-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the Murata et al. patent (U.S. Patent No. 6,333,747) in view of the Shimoni patent (U.S. Patent No. 4,580,054). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Office's rejection does not make out a *prima facie* case of obviousness against claims 1, 4 and 25-28. First, even if the applied